



Ex-Nazi SS Colonel Herbert Kappler, right, pictured in a 1968 photograph taken at the Gestapo military prison in Italy. Left, is Kappler's wife, Anneliese. (UPI, AP)

## Wife drags war criminal Kappler from Rome hospital in suitcase

BONN. — Convicted Nazi war criminal Herbert Kappler, apparently stuffed into a large suitcase and dragged to a waiting car by his wife, escaped from a Rome hospital yesterday and reportedly made his way to West Germany, Italian and German officials said.

Italian Defence Minister Vito Tanzi said in Rome that the 70-year-old, cancer-ridden Kappler, weighing only 48 kg., was carried out of the military hospital at about 1 a.m.

The former Gestapo official was serving a life term for the reprisal slaying of 335 Italian civilians in German-occupied Rome, and for the past several months had been under treatment for his illness at the hospital on a hill overlooking the Colosseum.

Later, the Italian news agency ANSA said Premier Giulio Andreotti had instructed the Italian Ambassador in Bonn to seek Kappler's extradition.

West German government spokesman Armin Gruenewald said here that authorities received a telephone call from Kappler's wife, Anneliese Kappler-Wegner, who said her husband was in the country. His exact whereabouts were not known, Gruenewald said. Kappler's wife lives in Soltan, in the northeastern part of the country.

The Italian defence minister said guards checked Kappler's room as usual through a peephole during the night but that a dummy made of pillows and a wig used to simulate the sleeping Kappler led them to believe nothing was amiss. The escape was discovered at about 10 a.m., he said.

Lattanzio said Kappler's wife rented a large passenger car last Friday and parked it the same day in the courtyard of the hospital while making a regular, authorized visit to

her husband. There was no explanation of how Kappler slipped by the hospital security. Kappler's lawyer said he had always been under guard.

Lattanzio, asked if it was possible for Mrs. Kappler to have carried the case alone, as the police guards reported, said: "I understand she is a very robust lady. She carried or dragged the case to the third floor lift, rode down to the ground floor, and loaded it into a waiting rental car."

Reached by telephone at Mrs. Kappler-Wegner's mother in Soltan, a woman who identified herself only as her sister told the Associated Press: "I don't know anything. I don't know any more than you can hear on the news."

In Wiesbaden, the federal criminal office said it had launched a search for Kappler at the request of the Rome office of Interpol, the international police agency.

Kappler was one of two former German Reich officers serving terms for war crimes in Italy. The other is former Major Walter Reder, also convicted of shooting civilians. Kappler had said he wanted to die in Germany, but Italy's highest court ruled last December against setting him free.

A group of 400 demonstrators, including a number of Jews, gathered outside the hospital to protest against Kappler's disappearance. They scrawled on the wall, "Kappler has escaped."

Seventy of Kappler's victims were Jews.

Outside Rome's synagogue in the former Jewish ghetto an angry and excited crowd, including relatives of the 1944 reprisal victims, protested last night against what they called "lack of security measures."

The head of the Jewish community, Fernando Piperno, said he was dis-

## Thousands take part in call-up

Post Military Correspondent  
The military call-up exercise which started at noon yesterday will wind up this morning, with thousands of reservists having reported to their units and several hundred vehicles having been turned over temporarily — to the authorities.

Military officials questioned last night said that at this early stage they were satisfied with the manner in which the exercise had been carried out, and that initial reports point to a high degree of participation.

Seven code words — such as "United hearts", "colours of the rainbow", "swamp narcissus" and "stormy and excited" — were broadcast throughout the day and night on radio and television, and thousands of pink leaflets were dropped by air over major centres of population.

The exercise is designed to test the overall state of alertness of the armed forces, and to provide a heads-up upon which to institute improvements in the general call-up procedures.

The men called into service for the day were representative of various units, and constituted a sampling upon which conclusions can be drawn about the entire system.

The exercise was reviewed by Defence Minister Ezer Weizman, who arrived at a call-up station in the capital together with Head of the General Staff Branch Aluf Yekutiel Adam in the early afternoon.

## Tanks not supplied, Sadat halts cotton exports to Russia

CAIRO (AP). — President Anwar Sadat said yesterday that Egypt has halted cotton shipments to Moscow and to an unnamed Eastern bloc country in retaliation for a Soviet ban on tank deliveries to Egypt. The semi-official newspaper "Al-Ahram" identified the country as Czechoslovakia.

Sadat made the announcement during a meeting with 70 young Egyptians who are studying in the U.S., Canada and the Soviet Union. His remarks were recorded and broadcast by Cairo Radio.

The Egyptian President said the cotton shipments were stopped after Moscow instructed an unnamed satellite country to discontinue delivery of tanks to Egypt. Sadat said Egypt had already paid in full for the tanks.

He said that Egypt received less than one-fourth of the tanks and that the whole deal was one year behind schedule. "We shall wait and see whether they are going to give the rest of the tanks," Sadat said, indicating that the cotton shipments might resume if the rest of the tanks are delivered.

## Soviet Union says it's 'a farce'

MOSCOW (UPI). — The Tass news agency said yesterday the extending of full public services to the Arab areas by Israel is "another step along the road to annexation." Calling the move "a farce," Tass said Israel's claim that it wanted to provide social and economic benefits to the residents of the region "reeks of cynicism."

## Moda'i: signs of oil in recent drillings

TEL AVIV (Itim). — Signs of oil have been found in three recent drillings, Energy and Infrastructure Minister Yitzhak Moda'i said yesterday.

Speaking to economic reporters, Moda'i said indications of oil were especially promising in the El Aish off-shore drilling, where natural gas had been found under very high pressure. The other two drillings are in the Sadeh field in the Rafah area, and in the Gulf of Suez.

## Labour against steps on areas

By JOSHUA BRILLIANT  
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Alignment and DMC leaders said yesterday that Israel cannot financially afford to give residents of the administered territories services equal to those enjoyed by Israelis.

Former finance minister Yehoshua Rabinovitch told the Alignment Knesset faction meeting yesterday that implementing the Cabinet's decision, taken on Sunday, would cost billions of pounds.

In an obvious reference to his criticism of the Government's earlier decision to cut the defence budget by IL2.4n, Opposition leader Shimon Peres said: "Implementing these decisions would have tremendous budgetary implications. Will the Likud transfer IL2.4n from the defence budget to the development of the West Bank?"

Peres argued that the Cabinet's decision was impractical: the Jordanian law, which is being enforced in the West Bank, provides free secondary schooling. Israelis have to pay for it. Will the Government collect tuition now? Taxes are not levied in the West Bank, there is no organized book-keeping there and cheques are hardly used. How will the Government introduce book-keeping? Peres also doubted whether the Government would introduce health



Defence Minister Ezer Weizman gets a first-hand report on the progress of yesterday's call-up exercise from a Jerusalem reservist. (Simphot)

## Carter hopes to move Begin by force of public opinion

Jerusalem Post Staff

President Jimmy Carter's implication on Sunday that he will seek the support of Israeli, world Jewish and American public opinion to influence the Israeli government and change its views has caused much quiet concern in Jerusalem.

Observers here see the statement, part of an ABC-TV interview summing up his first six months in office, as a further indication of Carter's plan, enunciated in a recent interview in "Time" magazine, to appeal to public opinion over Prime Minister Menachem Begin's head, in an attempt to shift the Israeli leader.

Carter told "Time" some weeks ago that he would try to "marshal" such opinion and, in reference to a Geneva peace conference, added that "if a leader... should find that his position is in direct contravention to the position of all the other parties involved... there would be a great impetus on that leader to conform with the overwhelming opinion."

But despite their concern, officials in Jerusalem carefully refrained from reacting publicly to the president's ABC statement. "Time" are too sensitive," an official explained, "and we have decided not to react over the media to such statements."

In the ABC interview, filmed in Plains, Georgia, on August 9 and broadcast on Sunday, Carter said: "I think world opinion is very powerful on disputing nations when there is a consensus on what ought to be done."

Carter however, has once again said that he would try to arouse public opinion to support his approach to the Middle East. "We may or may not be successful, but we are going to continue to try in a very determined and tenacious way," he said.

## Begin calls for Labour support on PLO issue

By DAVID LANDAU  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Prime Minister Menachem Begin yesterday called on the Labour opposition to give its support to his government if and when Israel is pressed to accept the PLO as a negotiating partner.

At the moment, Begin stressed, there was no such pressure, but if there were in the future it would behoove "a responsible opposition" to back the government — because the rejection of the PLO was a crucial issue on which there was near-total national consensus. He recalled that the Likud, in March 1975, had stood behind the Labour government in its rejection of the interim settlement package.

But if Labour declined to act in this way, the Government would continue on its course regardless, the Prime Minister said.

Replying to a Knesset motion tabled by ex-Foreign Minister Yigal Allon sharply criticizing the government's peace policy, Begin charged that the rift with

# Action begun on equal rights in the 'areas'

By HIRSH GOODMAN  
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The defence ministry last night announced the first of several steps it intends taking to equate living standards in the territories with those in Israel, as decided upon by the Cabinet on Sunday. These include: immediate implementation of a labour policy in Rafiah and Northern Sinai which will prevent the exploitation of local inhabitants of the area by farmers in the area; the implementation over the next two months of a medical health scheme for the inhabitants of the West Bank and the Gaza Strip; and an immediate offer of credit to the owners of his companies in the areas to purchase new vehicles.

While only the third plan will require any substantial investment on Israel's part, it was pointed out to The Jerusalem Post yesterday that it has been decided in principle that any improvement of services in the administered areas will be financed by monies raised in the Arab world and through more efficient tax collection. It was also stressed that all changes in the region, apart from those which affect Israelis living there, will not be enforced against the will of the local inhabitants.

The most urgent of the new measures is the regulation of labour practices in Gaza and northern

Sinai, where moshav owners are known to have exploited the local inhabitants for years' paying sub-standard wages and employing underage children. The new regulations, which provide for legal steps to be taken against persons who contravene them, ensure that the same wages and social services enjoyed by workers in Israel, will be given to workers in Gaza and Northern Sinai.

The decision to set up a medical insurance scheme in all the territories was taken last week after a six-month study conducted by the Ministry of Health and the Ministry of Labour, in conjunction with local employees of the health services in the areas. The survey found that in many cases services were lacking despite the great advances made over the past decade.

The new scheme, which Defence Minister Ezer Weizman wants completed and implemented over the next 60 days, will provide total health services for the inhabitants at a cost of between IL40 and IL60 per family per month. Israel's investment here is not expected to be large, since according to initial costing figures it is expected that the money collected from the inhabitants themselves will cover the outlay. In the case of persons who

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## U.S. reaction restrained

By WOLF BLITZER  
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WASHINGTON. — The United States, anxious to avoid aggravating what appears to be already gloomy prospects for progress towards peace in the Middle East, yesterday declined to react publicly to the Israel Government's decision extending certain new rights to Arabs living in the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

Privately, however, U.S. officials were concerned over this latest step, which, ironically, appeared to be somewhat of a violation of the Geneva Convention governing military rule in occupied territories. Under the terms of the Geneva Convention, the occupying authority is supposed to maintain the civilian jurisdiction and regulations of the previous authority, which in this case would be Jordan.

Since the 1967 Six-Day War, the United States has regarded the West Bank, Gaza Strip, Golan Heights, Sinai and East Jerusalem as being "occupied." These territories, according to the U.S., therefore, should be governed in accordance with the Geneva Convention.

What was ironic about the situation was that this latest Israeli step would appear, on the surface, to improve the living standards of the Arabs in the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

U.S. sources pointed out that the Israeli decision was apparently

directed only towards the Arabs living in Judea, Samaria and Gaza — and not to those living in Sinai or on the Golan Heights. This could be seen as politically significant because the former territories as part of historic Israel, while Sinai and the Golan are given a different status.

At the daily news briefing, State Department spokesman Hodding Carter declined to comment publicly on the Israeli decision. "I am simply not prepared" — at this time, to discuss anything else on this subject," he said.

It was clear here that the Administration had taken a deliberate decision to issue this restrained reaction because it wanted to avoid repeating the wave of accusations and recriminations that followed last month's decision by the Israel Government to legalize three existing settlements on the West Bank. At that time, the U.S. reacted sharply, calling the decision "illegal" and an "obstacle to peace."

Israeli sources here were actually surprised by yesterday's mild State Department reaction. They had been bracing for a tough response, aware that the State Department has long opposed any Israeli decision changing the status of the West Bank and the Gaza Strip.

American and foreign journalists were also taken aback by this official

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## Gov't removing sting from bid to extend services

By DAVID LANDAU  
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The government is assiduously seeking to remove the political sting from its decision on Sunday to equalize services provided to the West Bank and Gaza populations with those in Israel. Prime Minister Begin insisted to newsmen that the decision was "purely humanitarian, not political," and the same message is understood to have been conveyed to Washington, in order to head off any unfavourable reaction there.

Begin specifically denied that the decision was a first step towards annexing the areas. He said he did not expect a disapproving reaction from the U.S. "What have we done wrong? Everyone should praise this decision." In the Knesset, he termed the decision "humane, good and beneficial," but did not reply in

detail to ex-Foreign Minister Allon's criticism of the timing and "homestead" of the decision.

Government sources praised the reaction of Hebron Mayor Fahd Kawasme, who, according to Israel Radio, welcomed the decision if it were genuinely inspired by purely humanitarian considerations (but continued to insist it stemmed from political motives).

There would have been more reactions like that, the government sources maintained, "were it not for Jews like Allon and Yossi Sarid who frighten the Arabs and the world." (Labour MK Sarid said the decision "smells strongly of annexation.")

The sources acknowledged that the financing was not at present available for the increased health and welfare services which the government hopes to offer West Bank and Gaza.

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## Arabs reject services

Jerusalem Post Staff

Arabs in the administered territories and neighbouring countries yesterday dismissed the government's decision to equalize the standard of services on the West Bank and the Gaza Strip with that in Israel as "one more step toward annexation."

Several West Bank leaders, including mayors, rejected the government's decision, labelling it a "veiled move" aimed at integrating the administered territories with Israel.

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"We are in no need of assistance from Israel and can manage from a financial point of view if we are allowed to bring in funds from the Arab countries," Shawwa said. He also said that the move was political, motivated and not the result of humanitarian feelings as the government has stated.

"In legalizing services given in the territories, the government is showing that they want to regard us as a part of Israel," Shawwa said. Mahmoud Ried, the secretary-general of the Arab League, yesterday sent an "urgent message" to the UN secretary-general urging him

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# Yeshiva student 'occupies' home of Albert Rose on Mount Zion

The Mount Zion home of Albert Rose was "occupied" on Sunday, the day he died, by a student of the neighbouring yeshiva.

Yeshiva student Yehuda Rabinowitz, a friend of the deceased, told The Jerusalem Post that on Sunday he had received a telephone call from other friends of Rose telling him of the incident. He immediately went to the home, he said, and found Brian "Shabtai" Herman, a student at the Diaspora Yeshiva, sitting there and refusing to budge.

Herman told Rabinowitz that he was there on instructions from Rabbi S.Z. Kahana, head of the "Mount Zion Committee" and one-time director-general of the Ministry for Religious Affairs. The police were called, but refused to act, Rabinowitz said.

The Deputy Mayor said he then ordered Herman from the house, an action which, he said, was later approved by Mayor Teddy Kollek. Rabinowitz said that Rabbi Mordechai Goldstein, head of the Diaspora Yeshiva, then threatened to get a High Court injunction

By HAIM SHAPIRO  
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against the deputy mayor, an action that Rabinowitz said he would welcome.

Rabbi Elliot Sherman, a spokesman for the Diaspora Yeshiva, told The Post last night that Herman was acting solely as representative of Rabbi Kahana, and his position as a student in the yeshiva had no bearing on the matter. "The yeshiva is not in there (the house), was not in there, and will not be in there," Sherman said.

Rabbi Rabinowitz said he later called Dr. Kahana and told him he should be ashamed of such a desecration. At Rose's funeral yesterday, Rabinowitz said, one of the yeshiva students tried to act as a pallbearer, but the deputy mayor prevented him.

Another friend of Albert Rose told The Post that the deceased had earlier had a dispute with the yeshiva. Once when his door had been left unlocked, yeshiva students moved their property into the house.

Rose had had to take legal action to get it removed, the friend said.

Elihu Lankin, who was Rose's lawyer, said that his late client had moved his house on the border. At the time, Dr. Kahana, who headed the Religious Affairs Ministry, claimed the house belonged to a group which he had organized and made an agreement with Rose that, following the latter's death, the house would become property of the group. Sherman identified the group as Ha'aguda Lema'an Heker HaHaggada.

But Lankin pointed out that, despite private agreements, the house was in fact the property of the Israel Lands Authority. Rose had intended that his house should become some sort of public cultural centre after his death, Lankin said.

This is not the first property dispute involving the yeshiva, which is made up largely of formerly non-religious Americans. A few years ago a dispute over a building with the Protestant American Institute of Holyland Studies erupted into a fist fight.

## THE WEATHER

	Yesterday's	Yesterday's	Today's
	Humidity	Min-Max	Max
Jerusalem	44	17-29	31
Golan	48	18-30	32
Nahariya	56	20-32	34
Safed	58	22-34	36
Haifa Port	63	24-36	38
Tiberias	48	23-35	35
Nazareth	58	20-30	32
Afula	54	18-28	30
Shomron	55	19-29	31
Tel Aviv	55	23-30	30
B-G Airport	52	20-32	32
Jericho	36	20-28	33
Gaza	71	22-29	32
Beersheba	40	18-33	38
Eilat	28	28-40	40
Tiran Straits	29	29-40	40

## SOCIAL & PERSONAL

President Ephraim Katzir yesterday received Costa Rican Ambassador Mamel Carballo Quintana, who has completed his tour of duty in Israel. The President also received Dr. John O. Sawhill, president of New York University.

The Israel Bond New York City Delegation yesterday met with the Minister of Interior and Police, Dr. Yosef Burg; later they met with Dan Halperin, deputy director-general of the Ministry of Finance.

A student mission from the Conservative Party of England met yesterday with Deputy Minister Yoram Aridor on behalf of the Likud.

Professor Yehuda Karmion of the Hebrew University will lecture on "The uniqueness of Hebrew," at the meeting of the Lions Club, today at 8.30 p.m., at the Jerusalem Hilton.

## ARRIVALS

The Israel Bond New York City Delegation for a two-week study tour.

## DEPARTURES

Ruth Dayan, president of Maskit, for Denver, Colorado, to take part in a "Maskit week."

## Knesset censure bid on vacant portfolios fails

By DAVID LANDAU  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The government yesterday easily brushed aside a Labour opposition effort to censure it in the Knesset for failing to fill the Justice, Social Betterment, and Communications portfolios within the time that Premier Begin had promised.

Former justice minister Haim Zadok, in a somewhat half-hearted assault on Begin, accused him of breaking faith with the House for having failed to fill these posts eight weeks after assuming office, since he had promised to fill them in four.

"It is a question of the Prime Minister's credibility. It goes to the heart of relations between the government and the Knesset," Zadok argued, without conviction.

Begin good-naturedly shrugged off the attack. "It is strange to hear a serious man like Zadok engage in such unwarranted exaggeration," he said.

He was sorry that he had not stuck to the letter of his commitment. But the unpredictable course of political events had intervened: the Democratic Movement for Change had taken an unexpectedly long time to decide whether or not to join his government.

As far as he was concerned, he still hoped the DMC would reconsider once again and decide to join his government. The DMC would fill the outstanding portfolios. At any rate, he pledged, if this did not happen within three weeks, he would promptly fill the vacancies with members of the existing coalition.

Zadok's urgent motion for the agenda was struck off by a comfortable majority of 55 against 38.

## U.S. Jewry leaders came to see Begin

Four leaders of Conservative and Reform Jewry in the U.S. arrived in Israel yesterday at the invitation of Prime Minister Menachem Begin for talks about the proposed amendment of the Law of Return, which would make only Orthodox conversions legal in Israel.

Rabbis Eliey Elchik, Joseph Glaser, Stanley Rabinowitz and Wolfe Kelman will meet Begin tomorrow. (Tim)

## Eiland appointed to head Agrexco, Agridev Boards

TEL AVIV. — Reuven Eiland, the former director-general of the Ministry of Agriculture has been appointed the chairman of the boards of directors of the Citrus Marketing Board, Agrexco (Agricultural Produce Export Company) and Agridev (the company that exports Israeli agricultural know-how). These appointments were approved by Agriculture Minister Ariel Sharon.

500 MEN and women nursing assistants in hospitals throughout the country are due to receive matriculation diplomas from the Education Ministry's adult education department. The matriculation certificates, for which the nurses studied for a year, will enable them to continue with studies towards a qualified nurse's certificate.

The Board of Governors of the Diaspora Yeshiva, Mt. Zion, deeply mourn the passing of Honorary Senior Member

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May his memory forever inspire all that knew him.

## Top El Al pilot 'only' gets IL45,000 a month

TEL AVIV. — The average salary of El Al pilots under the new wage agreement initiated last week will be IL14,000 a month gross, or a net of \$890 plus IL5,000. These figures were provided by an El Al spokesman yesterday after articles in the press reported on salaries as much as IL14,000 a year for pilots.

The spokesman, Amikam Even-Chen, added that the few pilots who have maximum seniority (captains of 747s with the highest professional grade) will get a gross of IL14,000 a month or a net of \$2,160 plus IL8,000 net.

Captain Baruch Fussman, a member of the El Al Flight Crew Committee Organization, refuted claims in the daily press stating that a Boeing 747 pilot is paid more than a Boeing 707 pilot. He also noted that a Boeing 747 pilot abroad is paid \$9,000 a month. "I wouldn't mind a third of that, or even the salary of the local manager of a small bank or the branch manager of a large bank. After two years of work, an El Al

By LEA LEVAVI  
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pilot only takes home IL6,000 a month."

Even-Chen told reporters yesterday that for the first time pilots will be included under the tax reform. The "round for pound" arrangement, under which the pilots paid taxes as if their Israeli pounds were pounds sterling, has been abolished, he said. He added that since the government's policy is not to hurt the worker's take home pay in the tax reform, the pilots' salaries have not been lowered as a result of the new agreement — the implication being that the additional taxes will be paid by El Al.

He also said that the new agreement, which will go into effect if the pilots ratify it at their general meeting tomorrow, does not include raises for the pilots. Twenty-five per cent of what pilots have been paid until now in foreign currency has

been translated into local currency, and henceforth only that part of the salary paid in Israeli currency will be negotiable.

Reports that the new agreement will cost El Al IL250m, are "grossly exaggerated," Even-Chen said.

But he could not offer alternative figures, except to say that the company does not expect the additional cost to exceed 20 per cent of its present costs. He did not give figures on the present costs.

"We intend to bring all the data to a press conference at the end of this week, after the pilots ratify the agreement," he said. "There was an agreement with the pilots that nobody would publicize anything until then. But unauthorized sources have been publishing inaccurate information, and now we have no choice but to reply even though we don't have all the data yet."

He insisted that the entire agreement is "on the table," and that El Al has nothing to hide.

## CRIME REPORT

### Police tracking foreign currency gang

TEL AVIV (Rim). — Police are on the tracks of a large currency smuggling gang which bought cheques from pensioners who had worked for foreign organizations and companies and cashed them abroad, it transpired from the statement of a police officer in the Magistrate's Court here yesterday.

The officer was asking the judge to extend the remand of a suspected member of the gang, Nahman Bistritz. Police claimed they had found 80 cheques which were sent to pensioners in Israel. The pensioners would sell the cheques to gang members at an advantageous exchange rate while the gang would smuggle the cheques abroad and return to Israel with foreign currency in cash, police claim.

Bistritz has allegedly been identified by several pensioners who have already been charged with selling their cheques illegally, the police representative said. The suspect has decided not to cooperate with the investigations, police say, and claimed he knows nothing about the affair — even after he was confronted by the pensioners who identified him.

The magistrate ordered police to hold Bistritz for another 10 days.

## ARABS

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Intervention to block what was referred to as Israel's latest "arbitrary measure."

A statement by the 20-nation league said that Riad had requested Walidhah "to intervene speedily to put an end to arbitrary Israeli measures" which contravened the charter and resolutions of the United Nations.

Jordan also lashed out at the move, claiming that it contravened international laws governing "occupied territories." The Jordanians noted that the Israeli government's move concerning public services followed its recent decision to legalize three settlements in the West Bank.

Arab news media echoed a similar stance, rejecting Jerusalem's emphasis that the move was purely "humanitarian, hearing no political implications." Damascus radio presented the story as that of "Israel preparing for annexing the West Bank and the Gaza Strip."

Most newspapers hammered the same message yesterday, although Beirut's leading "An-Nahar" daily was cautious in saying: "The Israeli government is moving in the direction of changing the legal status of the West Bank and the Gaza Strip."

Prisoners released as Ramadan starts

The military command in the Gaza Strip marked the beginning of the Ramadan Muslim holiday yesterday by releasing 36 security prisoners from the Gaza jail. All the prisoners had two to three years left to serve.

Elsewhere in the country, Moslem residents marked the beginning of Ramadan with a buying spree for delicacies to break the fast in the evening after the day-long abstention. In East Jerusalem the market was packed with buyers, and cafe owners prepared to close down shop for a month.

## Begin calls for Labour support

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now to show the report itself to the Committee.

Begin agreed to do so. He said that Rabin's behaviour at the time attested to the state of relations within the previous government. It attested too, he charged, to the previous government's deliberate effort to deny the facts, to paint the true situation in falsely rosy hues.

It was precisely this accusation which Begin had levelled at Rabin earlier. The Premier, through his public statements, had "created an impression of great optimism," Begin said. This in turn would create expectations, he warned, and they would lead to pressures from abroad and bitter disappointment at home.

"The people must know the truth. The diplomatic stakes are darkening. Your policy is leading the country into a dangerous dead-end. You have no mandate to do that," Begin thundered.

Begin in his reply spoke of the mandate his party had received from the nation on May 17 and the "vote of no-confidence" that had been expressed in Labour's policies.

Had Labour, in ten years of rule since the Six Day War, ever persuaded the U.S. to accept its "Allon

Plan"? It had always been dismissed in Washington as "totally unacceptable." Why, then, did Begin expect him to try to sell the same plan to the Americans? "The plan had been in effect here rejected by the majority of Israelis? We won't do it. We've got our own policy, and we shall pursue it."

He denied Allon's charge that he had avoided arguing the key substantive issues with Carter in order to achieve a transient rapport with the U.S. President at the cost of long-term discord and potential disaster. He had aired all the issues both of substance and procedure with the President.

Nor had he ever sought to conceal the differences of opinion which certainly existed. "But those differences actually evolved under Labour," he added.

Labour's summoning the House into special session had therefore been unnecessary — all the more so since government and opposition were united on the PLO-West Bank question. Former Premier Rabin, too, rejected a third state and rejected the PLO under any conditions. There was a consensus on this.

Yossi Sarid (Labour): "Not under any conditions."

Begin: "Ask Rabin. Didn't his cabinet reject the 'Yariv-Shemtov formula'?" (That formula called for Israel to show readiness to talk with any Palestinian group which recognizes her and desists from terrorism.)

Labour voices: "Ask Arik Sharon." (Sharon, Begin's Minister of Agriculture, once proposed helping the PLO oust King Hussein and then negotiating with it.) "Ask Weizman." (Defence Minister Ezer Weizman has expressed his readiness to meet with PLO chief Yasser Arafat.)

Begin said these ministers could

## U.S. reaction

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U.S. reaction of not issuing a formal comment on the decision. Many more reporters and television newsmen were present than at the State Department, expecting to hear the spokesman once again lash out against Israel. Instead, here is an example of the exchange that took place:

Q: Holding, do you have any comment on the Israeli decision to extend certain rights to Arabs living on the West Bank?

A: We've seen those reports. I don't want to go into a public discussion of them.

That was why the administration issued its "no comment" yesterday.

But despite this reluctance to criticize the Israeli move publicly, several U.S. sources did not conceal their disappointment. While they said that the United States was still studying the decision, and its full implications, there was no doubt that they viewed it as another disconcerting step in the Israeli Government's desire to hold on to the West Bank and the Gaza Strip.

Last night Ambassador Simcha Dinitz met at the State Department with Undersecretary of State Philip Habib, but, according to Israeli sources here, the American official did not raise the Israeli decision extending certain rights to the administered territories.

But American officials continued to express private concern over a statement made by Cabinet Secretary Aryeh Naveh who had told reporters on Sunday night: "You cannot annex what already belongs to you." U.S. officials consider that statement "unnecessary and foolishly provocative."

Publicly, however, the Americans are restraining their reactions on the grounds that nothing would be gained and much could be lost.

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live on welfare the Military Government will pick up the cost of services.

The inhabitants of the West Bank have enjoyed health insurance since 1973 and the new regulations come to extend the service to the inhabitants of all the administered territories.

It was still unclear last night as to where the government intends to find the money for the third measure: the financing of new houses for those operators in the areas who wish to modernize their fleets. The announcement promises the granting of credit terms to operators in the territories, equal to those enjoyed by his companies in Israel. It was pointed out that if Arab operators take the offer seriously, it could result in Israel being asked to forward subsidised credit running into millions of pounds — a development not consistent with the general desire of the defence minister to trim the defence budget.

In fact it was not at all clear yesterday as to how the government's new policy — which was, contrary to earlier reports, coordinated in advance with both the Military Government officials and the IDF — will be financed or implemented. A source told The Post last night that much of the money would be raised as the result of the more liberal policy adopted towards Arab Governments granting aid to the inhabitants of the areas. (Gaza Mayor Rashad Shawwa recently received permission to bring in \$2m. from Abu Dhabi), and the more efficient collection of taxes from inhabitants of the areas.

It was noted, however, that at this stage there is no intention of increasing taxes. It was also stressed that none of the measures mentioned yesterday will be implemented against the will of the inhabitants, and without prior consultation in the Ministerial Defence Committee and with military government officials.

Zvi Arenstein adds: "These military officials felt yesterday that the meaning of the new programme is that already existing plans will now be carried out more quickly."

Sources in Gaza said that the government is always working on the improvement of the services, and that even without the new decision, the programmes would have been carried out. They said that the decision will mean an improvement of services which will not come about immediately, but over an extended period of time. Military government policy will remain essentially unchanged.

When asked how the improvement in services will be physically expressed, the officials indicated that there is presently no need for new hospitals in the Gaza Strip, but said that health services may be improved by the acquisition of new equipment, additional nursing staff, or by sending doctors for special training courses. They said that asking local residents to participate in the funding of the improved services is one option, but that this was not the government's intention when the decision was made.

Gaza's presently pay for health services on the basis of a fixed fee, rendered at prices lower than those charged in Israel. If health services are improved, the sources said, the possibility exists of creating some sort of monthly fee as is presently accepted in Israel.

As an example of the sort of programme which might be carried out, the sources said that a plan to make improvements at Gaza's Shifa Hospital has been shelved for a year and a half. The programme, which would cost approximately IL50m, has not been carried out for lack of funds, but the possibility now exists that the improvements will be made more quickly.

## Cabinet plans Jewish-Arab partnerships in industry

By JOSHUA BRILLIANT  
Post Political Reporter

The Cabinet is expected at the end of this month to give Jewish residents of the administered territories the same privileges accorded to people moving to development towns. It is also planning partnerships in industry between Arabs and Jews, according to Yitzhak Peretz, Deputy Minister of Industry, Commerce and Tourism.

The deputy minister yesterday met a delegation of Gush Etzion settlers from Ofra, northeast of Ramallah. He said later that a joint committee with the Construction and Housing Ministry is drawing plans to promote investments in Ofra and elsewhere.

Industries established in the administered territories have received government aid, but there has not been a unified policy among all the ministries, Peretz said. People who met the criteria of "essential workers" sometimes did not receive the benefits they would have received if they had moved to recognised development towns. These incentives include generous income tax exemptions, long-term low-interest loans, and help in housing.

The new regulations expected by the end of this month will give residents of outlying areas bigger incentives than to those who live near urban centres, Peretz said.

The Jewish-Arab partnerships in industry are planned in cooperation with Aluf Avraham Ori, the coordinator of activities in the administered territories, the deputy minister added.

Israel, including the West Bank, is in fact one economic unit. Residents of Nahalut and Ramallah work in Jerusalem and goods manufactured in Tel Aviv are exported across the Jordan River. Instead of operating secretly "let's do it openly," Peretz argued.

He reported the government also wants to encourage handicraft shops in Arab villages in the Galilee and the Triangle. The artisans and silversmiths working under pre-modern conditions will attract tourists as well as contribute to increased production, he noted.

Price drop in vegetables lowers July price index

By SHELOMO MAOZ  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The consumer price index went up by 1.5 per cent in July, but during the rise to January 11.8 per cent, according to figures released yesterday by the Central Bureau of Statistics.

In July, the index reached 130.7 points. The cost of living allowance in October is expected to be 8 per cent, or a maximum of some IL500 per month.

The slow rise in the July price level was mainly the result of a sharp 9.8 per cent fall in the price of fruit and vegetables. The decline was greater than the usual seasonal downturn. Also, the end of season sales of clothing and footwear mitigated other price rises. If fruit and vegetables are excluded, the price rise in July was at a "normal" rate for the last three months — 2.4 per cent.

The wholesale price index went up by 2.6 per cent, since January. It has risen 15.1 per cent. The movement of this index generally precedes that of the consumer price index by some two months, indicating the trend.

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The Rome massacre was the subject of a book, "Death in Rome," by American author Robert Katz, later turned into a movie with Richard Burton playing Kappler.

Katz was accused of defaming Pope XII, the wartime Pope, by implying in his book that the pontiff did not do all he could to stop the massacre. He was convicted of criminal libel and has appealed.

Kappler was convicted in 1946 of ordering and leading the death squads in the massacre of 333 Roman hostages at the Ardennine caves on the city's outskirts in 1944 in a more than 10-to-1 reprisal for an Italian partisan bombing in a Roman street, in which 32 SS troops were killed.

The Rome military tribunal on November 13 last year caused a nationwide uproar by giving Kappler provisional liberty, ruling that he had shown signs of repentance. After mass demonstrations by wartime partisans and Italian Jewish community groups, the Supreme Military Tribunal ruled last December 15 that his provisional release should be overruled.

While the earlier order was being reviewed, Kappler was taken to Celio military hospital where he was said to be dying of terminal stomach cancer.

## HAIFA DISTRICT COURT

Probate and Administration File 157/77

In the matter of the will of the late NATHAN TIKOR deceased in Chicago, U.S.A. on January 30, 1976.

Petitioner: STEPHEN P. TIKOR

Citation: Be it known that an application has been submitted to the Court for a Probate Order and Appointment of an Executor for the above mentioned Estate. Whoever claims any interest in the Estate and wishes to oppose the application should present his objections to the Court within 15 days of the publication of this notice failing which the Court will decide as it sees fit.

Judge — Registrar of the Court

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**Supreme Court Justice Moshe Etzioni**, who yesterday chaired the first meeting of the central elections committee which will organize voting for the tenth Knesset. After greetings from Speaker Moshe Shamir the committee members had a first discussion of ways to remedy the faults discovered in the last elections. Etzioni proposed changing the ballot system by introducing mechanized voting. (Eliahu Harari)

### Pardon for killer of grandson

**Jerusalem Post Reporter**  
A 48-year-old mother of nine who murdered an illegitimate grandchild over a year ago is being released from Neve Tirza prison today after being granted a pardon by President Ephraim Katsir.  
Maasuda Miano, a widow from Kadima, a moshava in the Sharon region, will return to her home. She had been sentenced to eight years in prison for the murder of a 15-month-old child, one of her sons who helped her was sentenced to two years.  
A number of MKs and other officials recently asked the President to pardon her, but a previous request was turned down.  
The pardon followed the news that her 15-year-old son was killed in a road accident outside the moshava last week.

### New religious housing project for Safad

**Jerusalem Post Reporter**  
SAFAD. — About 1,000 religious families will make their homes in Maor Haim, a new housing project built on the western outskirts of Safad by the Construction Ministry.  
Rabbi Moshe Kanner, leader of the new community, said recently that Maor Haim will be self-sufficient with several industrial projects, including a diamond polishing factory and food processing plants providing work for the inhabitants.  
Both Sephardi and Ashkenazi families will be able to join Maor Haim, Kanner said, but their homes will be situated in separate locations according to the advice of community experts.

### Ex-Berliners to visit city today

**BERLIN (AP).** — More than 900 Jews and other persons driven out of Berlin during the Nazi years will return to visit the city today at the invitation of Mayor Dietrich Stobbe.  
One hundred and eighty of the group now live in North America, 144 in Israel and 18 in other countries. They are to stay in Berlin for a week. In a programme started in June 1969, the West Berlin City Government has brought back for visits a total of 6,843 people who were forced to leave during the Hitler years.  
The city hopes to expand the programme next year, boosting its budget from some \$65,200 to more than \$391,000.  
10,000 PUPILS will study next year in the engineering and technological schools run by the Ministry of Social Settlement's vocational training department.

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**Ministry of Education and Culture**  
**Notice to Parents, Principals and Teachers**  
Parents who have the list of text books for the 1977/78 School Year are requested not to delay the purchase of these books until September 1 but to do so already in order to prevent undue pressure in the shops.  
Principals of schools where teachers did not provide the pupils with a list of the text books are requested to do so without delay.  
Teachers who did not provide their pupils with such a list are called on not to obligate the children to obtain the books immediately at the beginning of the school year but to enable them to do so during the first two to three weeks.

## Police in dark about hq. eavesdropper

**By HAIM SHAPIRO and ABRAHAM KRAMERMAN**  
**Jerusalem Post Reporters**  
TEL AVIV. A special team of detectives has been working for the last three weeks to track down the man who planted a bug in the office of the interrogation chief at Tel Aviv police headquarters.  
Police have as yet no clues as to the identity of the bug-planter, who must have heard many very secret conversations about police plans and procedures.  
The discovery of the thumb-sized microphone linked to a battery and radio transmitter is the second major security lapse this year at important police installations and the third over the past two years.  
In March 1977 burglars broke into the Tel Aviv police station and set fire to various files in the district fraud squad's office.  
In January 1976, thieves managed to break into the fraud squad division at national police headquarters in Jaffa and carried away a safe full of foreign currency.  
The microphone, which was discovered on July 24, was placed just beneath the window sill of Room 110 at Tel Aviv police district headquarters on Sifert Motzkin.  
This room is the office of Rav-Pakad Ya'akov Yaffe, head of the investigation section dealing with most of the important investigations under way in the district.  
The room was used both for questioning of suspects and witnesses, and for police conferences on how such questioning should take place. It is believed that the microphone, which was connected to a radio transmitter a few metres away, had been placed by underworld figures.  
The microphone was discovered when a member of the section happened to glance out the window and saw a thin wire. Subsequent investigation revealed that the wire

### More reports of Mea Shearim violence

## Terror victim payment for vandalized home

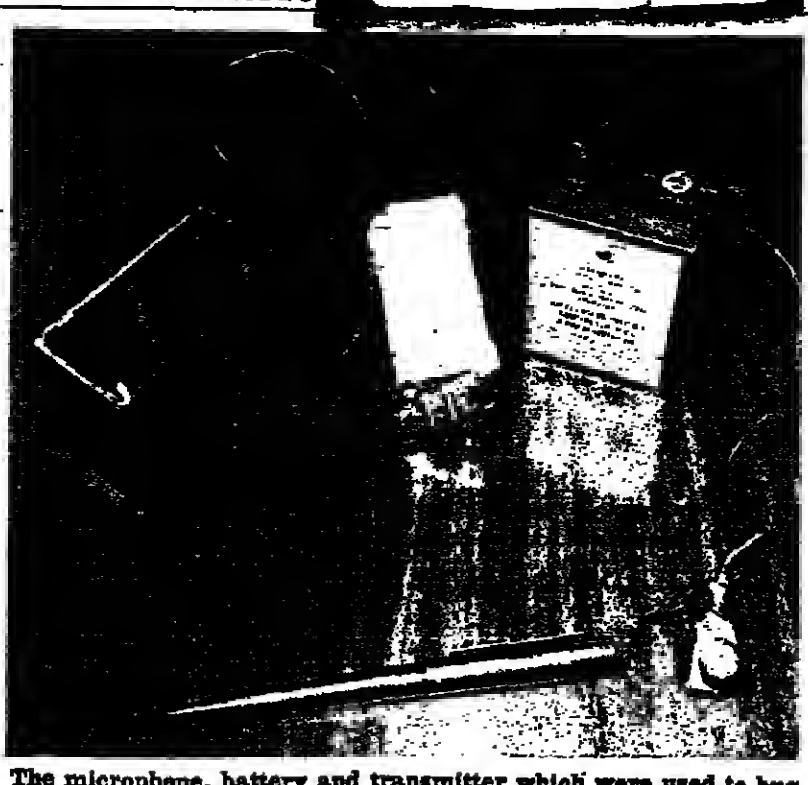
**By HAIM SHAPIRO**  
**Jerusalem Post Reporter**  
Shimon Mirzahi, the non-observant Mea Shearim resident whose home was broken up in what police believe was an outburst of religious extremism, will get the same municipal compensation as that accorded to terror victims.  
Mirzahi's home was broken into while he was away on Saturday night, and the furniture, appliances and installations in the house were smashed. A week earlier Mirzahi had received a letter from a Sabbath observance committee saying he had been reported as a Sabbath desecrator.  
Mayor Teddy Kollek told Mirzahi yesterday that the city will evaluate the damage and pay for it. "The culprits can later be identified, they will have to reimburse the city," he said.  
Meanwhile, Mirzahi told The Jerusalem Post that he has nowhere to live. He is at present staying with relatives, but they are a family with five children and hard-pressed for room.  
But the municipal spokesman said there were no plans to help Mirzahi move to another area. "We are not planning an exodus of secular Jews from the Mea Shearim area," the spokesman said.  
He added, however, that since the incident other families in the area have also reported persecution by ultra-Orthodox elements. A family in Rehov Zefania told the mayor that their home had been broken into and their walls covered with graffiti, including the word "Nazi".  
Another head of a family broke down and cried after describing the hostile atmosphere in which he and his family were forced to live. The mayor himself received a letter in which he was told that if he went through with plans to build a municipal sports stadium, he would end up like the boy in Rehov Hashomer (presumably, the young man who died when his Jeep crashed into a Shabbat chain barrier in Be'er Brak six weeks ago).  
Another recipient of a death threat was Yosef Gadiah, who last week received a letter saying his blood would flow if he persisted in plans to use an unoccupied yeshiva building as a secular school. The building is located in the Bayit Vegan quarter of

### England wins fourth test match

**LEEDS (AP).** — England yesterday won the fourth cricket test-match against Australia and regained the Ashes by a crushing innings and 88 runs at Headingley.  
After England's first innings of 436, Australia was skittled out for 103, and in the follow-on made 248 for a two-innings total of 351.  
Greg Chappell, the one man who appeared capable of prolonging, if not avoiding, the inevitable end, was the first wicket of the match for England bowler Bob Willis soon after the weather allowed the fourth day's play to start at 2 p.m.  
A crowd of about 10,000 saw a catch at second slip by Tony Greig, which virtually sealed Australia's fate.  
The Australian captain had stayed for three hours for his 36. When he went there were the two wicket keepers, Rodney Marsh and Richie Robinson, and the bowlers Ray Bright, Max Walker, Jeff Thomson and Len Pascoe to come. Australia was 180 for five.  
ABOUT 2,000 teachers from the 46 development towns and "underprivileged" neighbourhoods included in the Education Ministry's Welfare Project are taking part in training programmes this month. The emphasis is on increasing contact with parents for educational, social and cultural activities.

**Bar-Ilan yeshiva students like law**  
**Jerusalem Post Reporter**  
RAMAT GAN. — Economics and law are the most popular subjects among Bar-Ilan's yeshiva-student students, whose numbers have doubled since last year.  
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The microphone, battery and transmitter which were used to bug the offices of a senior police official in Tel Aviv. (Israel Sun)

## Ehrlich to ask delay in car insurance rise

**By SHLOMO MAOZ**  
**Jerusalem Post Reporter**  
Finance Minister Simha Ehrlich has definitely decided to ask the Knesset Finance Committee to delay the rise in compulsory car insurance premiums, due to come into effect on September 1.  
Under the compulsory car insurance law, the premiums are to go up twice a year, according to the rise in the consumer price index. The first increase would normally have been due on July 1, but was postponed to September 1 by a decision of the Finance Committee in the previous Knesset, which passed the law. The rise, based on the price increase between the average of the first quarter of 1977 over the third quarter of 1976, would have been 14.2 per cent.  
The finance minister has reached the conclusion that the insurance companies have accumulated sufficient reserves from premiums collected; while payments for claims, including those that will materialize before the end of the year, will be considerably less. The rise in the premium should therefore be postponed until January. Both the minister and Commissioner of Insurance Dr. Ben-Ami Zuckerman believe that it is premature to change the existing law and that the time for reviewing it will be in about two years.  
Ehrlich will meet representatives of the insurance companies on Thursday. The companies oppose postponement of the hike. On the same day, Ehrlich will also meet with the Finance Committee. He will no doubt be asked for clarifications by its members, since the committee had already approved of the September 1 increase in the premiums, after having heard Dr. Zuckerman's explanations on the subject.

## Haifa University helping Beit Shean hurdle matric

**By MORDECHAI ERANN**  
**Jerusalem Post Reporter**  
HAIFA. — Five years ago Beit Shean had virtually no twelfth graders passing the matriculation examinations, but this year nearly 40 students did, and the number of those preparing for the exams is growing each year.  
Moreover, within the past four years a large number of students began aspiring to university, while previously the idea had been completely foreign to them — according to Ariette Adler, the moving force behind Haifa University's "Bridging the Gaps" unit.  
Mrs. Adler spoke to reporters yesterday during a tour of the university's pilot project for Beit Shean high school pupils — a two-week summer camp study programme on campus. Some 70 pupils are taking part in it, the vast majority of them girls. They are studying mathematics, English and Hebrew for four hours a day, attending an intensive computer course, and spending the rest of the time at lectures, discussion groups, plays and various arts programmes, or taking part in sports and outings.  
The pilot project was conceived for selected pupils from several development towns, but the funds were not available. Its success, at Beit Shean, however, will enable the programme to expand next year, with the Technion possibly taking part as well.  
The university provides language laboratories and computer rooms, while the rest of the cost is borne by the Beit Shean local council and the Education Ministry.  
For most of the students, this is their first instruction in music and the arts. Their city has virtually no teachers in these areas, according to Local Council Chairman Yitzhak Keinan and some of his teachers, who also visited the programme yesterday.  
"But Keinan and other Beit Shean officials said they were proud of the progress made by their two high schools, which have some 450 pupils enrolled, and by the achievement of those who took the matriculation exam and earned grades higher than the national average."

## Chief scientist Ya'acov quitting post at Commerce and Industry

**Jerusalem Post Reporter**  
Prof. Yitzhak Ya'acov, chief scientist of the Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Tourism, will be leaving his post as of the middle of next month. He has served in his position as chief scientist for the past three and a half years.  
Ya'acov told The Jerusalem Post that he submitted his resignation about half a year ago to former Minister Haim Bar-Lev. But at the latter's request, he remained at his job until after the national elections.  
"My resignation should not be considered as personal or related to politics," says Ya'acov.  
He denied that his resignation was in any way connected with his not receiving sufficient authority. "I have received all the authority which the job requires," he commented.  
As of next month Prof. Ya'acov will leave government service to go on his own. "There are many new projects which call for new investments and I would very much like to be involved in getting them off the ground," he concluded.  
A graduate of the Technion, Prof. Ya'acov earned his doctorate at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He served in the army for 20 years, working in research and development programmes.

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**Bank of Israel**  
**to take over**  
**Coins and Medals**  
**Jerusalem Post Reporter**  
The state-owned Coins and Medals Corporation will be transferred to the Bank of Israel, following a decision taken by the Finance Minister and the Governor of the Bank, it was learned in Jerusalem yesterday.  
The corporation will apparently continue to be a limited liability company, but will be supervised by the Governor of the Bank of Israel. The legal problems involved in the transfer are being examined.  
The Coins and Medals Corporation employs 80 workers. It distributes and issues medals of its own. The State Comptroller has faulted the company on many counts. The manager of the company, Itzhak Avni, is facing charges of tampering with documents and improperly enabling a firm of coin dealers to buy medals and coins at a privileged price.

**Begin goes to airport to see Schindler off**  
Prime Minister Menachem Begin went to Ben-Gurion Airport yesterday morning to bid farewell to Rabbi Alexander Schindler, chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major Jewish Organizations in America, on his return to the U.S.  
Schindler arrived on Friday to hear a report from Begin on Secretary of State Cyrus Vance's talks here. Schindler was not met at the airport because of an administrative bungle, and the Premier came to see him off "as compensation."  
Schindler leaving, Schindler said he had heard a detailed account of Vance's visit from the Premier and was confident that "even if there are problems, they can be overcome, especially if we work together." (Itim)

**Haulage expected to cost more**  
**Jerusalem Post Reporter**  
Transport costs for the haulage of stone and earth are expected to go up, following a decision by the Transport Ministry to abolish price control and at the same time to enforce more strictly the ban on loads in excess of the licensed weight.  
The Transport Ministry spokesman said the decision had been taken in agreement with the Construction and Housing Ministry, and the Commerce and Industry Ministry, and was approved by the public price review board at the end of last week.  
As soon as the ordinances relating to the decision are published, the police will enforce the load limits, as stated in the trucks' licences. Excess loads have until now been of the order of 50 to 100 per cent. They have caused serious damage to the vehicles and to the roads. They have seriously hampered the flow of traffic, and they have presented a road hazard.

**Treasury bonus for unredeemed savings bonds**  
**Jerusalem Post Reporter**  
Holders of 1971 Savings Bonds which are up for redemption on October 2 will earn a bonus of 6-7 per cent if they hold on to them for a further four years, according to a Treasury decision.  
The bonds will continue to be 100 per cent-linked to the C-o-L index and bear 5 per cent interest, tax-free, interest. If held, they will be redeemable in 1981.  
The total value of these bonds, whose payment falls due on October 2, is about IL300m. The Treasury hopes by its latest measure to reduce the substantial injection of money into circulation that would be caused by their immediate redemption. Being 100 per cent-linked, their yield is higher than the 80 per cent-linked government bonds issued since last year.  
In addition to these bonds, the Treasury will have to pay out the interest on coupon No. 1 of the 1970 compulsory defence loan.

**Agency's development at Tefen 'unauthorized'**  
**Jerusalem Post Reporter**  
The Israel Lands Authority has ordered the Jewish Agency Settlement Department to halt development work on a site in the Tefen area of Western Galilee.  
The Authority declared yesterday that the Settlement Department had begun work without permission in an area which the Authority and the Housing Ministry opposed as a settlement site. "The Agency attempted to create facts," said a Lands Authority statement.  
A Jewish Agency spokesman said last night that the Agency had begun work on the site in an attempt to head off squabbling in the area by non-authorized persons.

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## Somalia: Ethiopian jets downed after bomb raid

MOGADISHU (UPI). — Somalia yesterday claimed Ethiopian warplanes bombed three areas in the north of the country, killing policemen and civilians and damaging homes. Two American-built F-5 fighters were reportedly shot down.

As the situation on the Horn of Africa continued to deteriorate rapidly, President Siad Barre issued a virtual call to arms to his countrymen, warning of an impending Ethiopian invasion.

Barre also bluntly warned Somalia would intervene directly in the continuing Ogaden Desert war if Ethiopia employed foreign troops to try to stem the advance of Somali insurgents.

Ethiopia admitted things were going badly for its troops not only in the Ogaden but also in the north-west of the country where they have been battling the monarchist Ethiopian Democratic Union (EDU) forces.

In possibly its first public admission of EDU's successes, the official government radio said, "Both the EDU and the separatist group (Somalis in the Ogaden) have scored a temporary victory."

"They have carried out economic sabotage, captured some parts of Ethiopian territory and have mercilessly hounded the oppressed people of Ethiopia."

The EDU, comprised mainly of monarchists of the old Haile Selassie regime, is one of several separatist and rebellious groups fighting throughout Ethiopia.

On the ground, Ethiopia Radio said government troops and militia in southern Sidamo Province killed 24 Somalis and wounded 16 in the most recent clashes, and a search and destroy operation was continuing.

The Ogaden conflict escalated dangerously and spilled over into Somalia, the Somali defence minister said, charging yesterday that Ethiopian warplanes attacked three areas in northern Somalia

"causing fatal casualties among policemen and civilians and damaging houses."

The reported air attack came only hours after Barre's special address to the nation and after Ethiopian authorities showed Western correspondents what appeared to be a destroyed Mig-21 fighter near the Ethiopian Ogaden town of Jijiga.

The destroyed warplane and two Somali prisoners-of-war proved, the Ethiopians said, that regular Somali troops are involved in the Ogaden fighting, despite constant claims by Mogadishu that only ethnic Somali guerrillas are battling Ethiopian troops for control of the area.

The Somalis say they have already captured a region the size of Great Britain.

Barre again raised the spectre of an Ethiopian invasion of Somalia and a full-scale war between the two neighbours.

"Addis Ababa has made it clear that it will invade Somalia," he told the nation.

"If foreign troops enter the war against Western Somalia and other liberation fronts fighting for their rights, Somalia will not fold its arms," Barre said, but "she will be forced to intervene and use all means at her disposal."

Somalia claimed last week up to 9,000 foreign troops were en route to Ethiopia and privately hinted they were Cuban.

The Somali guerrillas claim they have killed and captured as many as 50,000 Ethiopian regulars and militia, destroyed some 30 warplanes — virtually the entire Ethiopian air force — and seized scores of tanks and trucks.

Diplomatic sources said that these figures were exaggerated. But they said casualties, both killed and wounded, apparently ran into tens of thousands on both sides.

Hospitals both at the front and in Addis Ababa reportedly were full of military wounded.

## Three Gandhi aides held for corruption

NEW DELHI (AP). — Three of former Prime Minister Indira Gandhi's closest political aides were arrested yesterday and charged with corruption, police officials said.

Seven other persons having connections with the former Prime Minister's government were also arrested following a series of raids by India's Criminal Bureau of Investigation.

The arrests, the first of key associates of Mrs. Gandhi, stem from a series of investigations launched by Prime Minister Morarji Desai's government into the political dealings of Mrs. Gandhi, her family and many of her cabinet ministers and aides.

The three aides arrested were Yashpal Kapoor, a former member of the prime minister's secretariat and one of her most trusted confidants, F.C. Sethi, a former cabinet minister, and R.K. Dhawan, Mrs. Gandhi's private secretary. Kapoor and Dhawan were considered to be among the most powerful aides to the 58-year-old prime minister during her 21-month authoritarian "National emergency" regime.

All 10 were arrested under a law called "The Prevention of Corruption Act," police officials said. They will be arraigned before local magistrates today.

A spokesman for the Central Bureau of Investigation said the arrests resulted from incriminating documents seized in simultaneous raids on residences and business offices in New Delhi and Patna, the capital city of Northeastern Bihar state.

The spokesman said the documents pertained to several lucrative business deals, allegedly secured through improper use of government positions and influence.

## Carter won't back bid to kill him, Castro is assured

WASHINGTON (AP). — U.S. Senator Frank Church said on Sunday that he told Premier Fidel Castro of Cuba that President Jimmy Carter would never authorize any attempt to assassinate him.

The Idaho legislator, who met with Castro during a four-day visit to Cuba last week, said he told the Cuban leader he was confident that "no such activities, either directed toward him or his government, would be undertaken by the U.S. or supported by President Carter."

Church said Castro replied that he also believed Carter would not permit such activities, despite prior attempts by the CIA to assassinate him.

Church said both the U.S. and Cuba have now made gestures toward normalizing relations, and suggested that the two nations exchange news correspondents as a possible next step.

Asked if he thought that full



LONDON. — A young policeman, blood streaming down his face, as he was carried by colleagues to an ambulance during clashes on Saturday with left-wing marchers trying to break up a demonstration by the right-wing National Front. Police said that 200 persons were arrested and 104 injured, 46 of them police.

## U.S. urges Haiti end brutality; Amnesty accuses Nicaragua

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (UPI). — The U.S. Ambassador to the UN, Andrew Young, yesterday urged Haiti, the Western hemisphere country with the worst human rights record, to stop "imprisoning the voices of freedom and treating them with brutality."

At a press conference at the American Embassy residence prior to his "champagne toast" with President-for-life Jean-Claude Duvalier at the shiny white national palace in downtown Port-au-Prince, Young made it clear that human rights are the principal concern of the Carter administration in Haiti.

Young said the U.S. had no intention of overtly interfering in Haiti or working through clandestine means against the Duvalier government.

"But we do intend to share with them our experience that the imprisonment of the voices of freedom, denying them access to their families and treating them with brutality does not do anything to further the development of the country and contributes ultimately to its downfall," he said.

He also said that when he talks to Duvalier privately, he thinks he is able to be more specific and state the Carter administration's message even more clearly.

Asked if he thought that full

human rights were possible under a president-for-life and if he would urge the 25-year-old Duvalier, who likes motorcycles and yachts, to moderate his own personal life style and do more for his poor citizens, Young noted that Ecuador and Peru, among Latin American nations, had already announced their intention to return to a democratic system of government.

Duvalier inherited power five years ago from his father, the late Francois "Papa Doc" Duvalier. Haiti, with a population of five million, is the poorest nation in the western hemisphere, with a per capita annual income of \$170 and an illiteracy rate of 80 per cent.

The U.S. gave Haiti \$23m. in humanitarian aid last year and \$18m. this year.

In London, Amnesty International said wholesale killing or unacknowledged detention of peasant farmers during counter-insurgency operations of the National Guard have taken place in Nicaragua.

The London-based human rights organization made the allegation in a report on Nicaragua that included the findings of an Amnesty International mission to the Central American country.

## 20th political detainee dies Botha: Anglo-U.S. plan to destroy S. Africa

JOHANNESBURG (Reuters). — Foreign Minister P.W. Botha has said his Government has a growing conviction that U.S. and British demands will lead to South Africa's destruction.

He was speaking on Sunday night on television after his return from talks in London with British Foreign Secretary David Owen and the U.S. Secretary of State, Cyrus Vance.

"I told them bluntly that there was a growing conviction in our Government that what Britain and the U.S. wanted of us would lead to our destruction. I said that there was thus no advantage for South Africa in working together with them in solving the problems of southern Africa."

"They were disconcerted to hear this view in such a blunt manner and ventured explanations which led to useful discussions," Botha said.

At a press conference, however, Botha said he thought there was still a basis for a political solution to Rhodesia's 12-year-old breakaway from Britain.

The Zambian President, Kenneth Kaunda, warned on Sunday that future race clashes in southern Africa will make the French Revolution "look like a picnic." He promised his country's full support for the stepping-up of guerrilla fighting in neighbouring Rhodesia and South-West Africa (Namibia), as "the only way to bring the enemies of the world to their knees."

Kaunda was speaking in Lusaka before members of the American Friendship Committee which is campaigning for the withdrawal of

American interests from South Africa.

In Durban, another political detainee, the second in less than two weeks, has died in police custody at nearby Brighton Beach, South African police reported yesterday.

The police said Bayampin Mzi, 62, was found hanging from a cell window bar shortly before midnight last Saturday during a routine inspection of the cells.

His death brought to 20 the number of non-whites to have died in police custody since March, 1976. All but three were being held by security police.

A strip of Mzi's jacket was torn off and tied to the cell bars with a noose around his neck, police said.

Mzi was detained in early July under the Terrorism Act, which allows detention without trial or access to attorneys or family.

Police Brigadier Arnold Hansen said a post-mortem revealed that death was attributed to hanging.

Police said the Indian, Hlunathi Jannadas, was found dead in the hospital section of the prison. A post-mortem showed that he had died from drowning. Police Major P.J. Hartman said the dead man was believed to have committed suicide, but he did not elaborate.

## 2 Rhodesians refused entry by Portugal

LISBON (UPI). — The newspaper "Diario de Noticias" said yesterday that airport officials refused to let two Rhodesian tourists enter Portugal.

## Arab countries buy record \$1.6b. in U.S. farm goods

WASHINGTON (AP). — Even though a record \$1.6 billion in U.S. farm goods is being exported to Arab nations this year, Americans have not significantly increased their share of that lucrative market — a U.S. Agriculture Department economist says.

Part of the reason is stiff competition from European poultry, Brazilian soybeans, African tobacco, and Australian and Canadian wheat, writes Ahmed Abou-Bakr in the current issue of "Foreign Agriculture" magazine.

This year's exports to the Arab region are expected to rise 46 per cent over last year's levels.

"But the gain is in part a recovery from the poor showing of 1976, when exports from the U.S. declined fractionally to a level just above the \$1.09 billion shipped in 1974," Abou-Bakr said.

The projected \$1.6 billion in exports would represent about 16 per cent of Arab food and food-related imports, compared with 17.4 per cent in 1974 and 11.5 per cent in 1968, when U.S. exports were a mere \$170m.

The 1976 price rises by the oil-producing nations kicked off the accelerating Arab buying spree that still left those countries with \$41.3 billion in foreign-exchange reserves when this year started.

The rapid development pursued by the Arab political leadership has changed eating habits, Abou-Bakr writes. He noted shifts to more high-protein meat and dairy products, vegetables, fruits, processed and frozen foods "and other items once considered luxuries."

Saudi Arabia now imports about \$150m. worth of U.S. agricultural products, a 500 per cent increase in four years. Egypt, a major customer under the "Food for Peace" programme, leads the area with an anticipated \$700m. in purchases this year.

Beyond raw or processed foods, Abou-Bakr said, farm-equipment firms have a wide-open market as the Arab leaders try to use their wealth to turn the desert green with farms. Only about 9 per cent of the vast land area is now suitable for farming, and less than a quarter of that is actually being farmed.

## Passion play revised to eliminate anti-Semitism

OBERAMMERGAU, West Germany (AP). — The famed passion play staged for centuries in this Bavarian hamlet opened a one-week trial run on Sunday with a script edited to dilute what critics call its anti-Semitic tone.

The new production, which cost about \$15m. has stirred opposition among townspeople who favour the version performed here for the past century.

The town council says it will decide later this year whether to use the revised script and an elaborate new baroque music score for the next full-scale production in 1980.

Melchior Breitsamer, a 78-year-old sawmill operator who has played Pontius Pilate in the production four times, is leading a drive to let townspeople decide the issue directly. He has collected signatures of 1,860 persons who want to keep the previous version.

This tiny village of 4,800 people in the southern Bavarian Alps has staged the passion play, depicting the death of Jesus Christ, since 1634 in thanksgiving for the end of a plague two years earlier. The play is staged every 10 years.

After the 1970 production, Jewish groups and foreign newspapers attacked the play as anti-Semitic. One of their objections to the script, written a century ago by village schoolmaster Rochus Dedler, was a remark by Judas Iscariot referring to "a cursed Jewish group."

In the new production, the narrator tells the audience at that point in the play, "do not say the Jews betrayed their man. We have all done that, and many times."

The text for the new version was written in 1750 by Father Ferdinand

Rosner, a Benedictine monk from the nearby Eitel Monastery, and edited by Alois Fink, a Bavarian broadcaster.

In a note at the beginning of the script, Fink said Father Rosner depicted Jews as representing "mankind for whom heaven and hell are struggling."

The imaginatively produced Rosner version includes elements from medieval mystery plays. For example, Sin is represented by a woman with long red hair wearing a costume making her look like a snake.

A downpour during the first act of Sunday's trial performance did not stop the actors on this open-air stage.

Traditionally only villagers can take part in the play. In 1970, about 1,900 worked on and off stage. For the trial production, however, 34 professional musicians had to be brought in because of the more complicated score.

## U.S. First Lady enters hospital

WASHINGTON (AP). — First Lady Rosalynn Carter entered Bethesda Naval Hospital in suburban Maryland Sunday night for a "routine gynaecological procedure," her press secretary said.

Mrs. Carter, who turns 50 this Thursday, was expected to have a dilation and curettage operation yesterday. The operation has been in use for many years for treating minor irregularities in the female reproductive tract.

## Desai vows to wipe out caste system

NEW DELHI (AP). — Indian Prime Minister Morarji Desai said yesterday that his government is determined to wipe out caste discrimination within five years.

"We have to put an end to this stigma," Desai told a huge throng gathered at the historic Red Fort where the British officially granted independence to the "crown jewel" of its empire in a ceremony on August 15, 1947, exactly three decades ago.

In recent months, India has been stung by a series of violent episodes involving untouchables, the long-persecuted outcasts of Hinduism's ancient caste system.

The episodes have become a major political issue, with former prime minister Indira Gandhi and her fallen Congress Party accusing Desai's government of being indifferent to the plight of 35 million untouchables.

In a 30-minute speech in Hindi, Desai decried the episodes but said the Congress Party itself was largely to blame for continued oppression of untouchables, now officially referred to as "Harijans," meaning children of God.

"The current situation results from our failure to take certain steps 30 years ago, for which all of us have to share the responsibility," he said. The 51-year-old prime minister, in sober, low-key language, said his government could not be expected to accomplish in a few months what the Congress Party, defeated last

March, had failed to do in 30 years in power.

Desai's speech followed Sunday's announcement by President Neelam Sanjiva Reddy that he would move out of the presidential palace, an opulent symbol of Imperial British might, and would cut his salary by 70 per cent.

The president said his gesture was in keeping with the Janata Party's

pledge to lead the nation to economic and social justice through the personal example of its leaders.

Desai reiterated that theme in his address. "The responsibility of those in power is heavy," Desai said. "They have to set an example for others by their simple lifestyle and selfless service."

## South Spain hotel workers spurn union's accord to end strike

MADRID (UPI). — Management and labour representatives yesterday agreed to end a day-old hotel strike affecting 200,000 tourists in the Costa del Sol. But thousands of hotel employees refused to respect the settlement and continued the stoppage.

Labour unions called their members to a late afternoon meeting in the Torre Molinos building to explain the agreements.

Meanwhile, the hotel strike, also continued in several other regions of Spain.

After night-long negotiations, the left-wing labour unions accepted a management offer of an across-the-board pay raise of 5,000 pesetas (11,590) a month for the 30,000 striking waiters, chambermaids, bellhops, cooks and barmen.

Hotel owners also promised to hold

further negotiations on labour's demands for overtime pay, 1 1/2 days off a week, social security and better living quarters.

The labour representatives agreed to call off the strike after being given assurances that strikers will not be punished and that 30 pickets arrested by police will be freed.

The strike, which comes at the height of a record tourist season sparked by a 20 per cent devaluation of the peseta, has affected about 200,000 tourists in such resorts as Mahalla and Torremolinos. It started early Sunday when management rejected labour's demand for an 8,000 peseta (11,590) a month pay hike.

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## THE FIFTH PAGE

## A case of truly frank admiration

By EPHRAIM KISHON

THE THIRD storm of the season was brewing outside, and Ervinke was scanning the newspapers with a smouldering look in his eyes. "We licked Cyprus 6:1," he snorted at last. "Big deal!"

"Still," I murmured. "Still..."

"Nuts!" said Ervinke in disgust. "To read the papers you'd think football players were God's gift to mankind. What's so bloody marvellous about some stupid old man who knows nothing except how to bloody kick a ball around?"

"Even in ancient Greece..."

"Greece-shmece, do you know what really gets me? To see those nothings handing out autographs. See that man? The moh' whippers in awe. It's him what shot the third goal into the Cyprus net. With his head! I'd knock the brains out of a head like that."

At that moment the door opened and a tall, hefty fellow came in. It was Pomerantz — the great Pomerantz of the team that had knocked hell out of Cyprus last Sunday.

"Look at that regal stare," fumed Ervinke. "Gawd, I'd like to tell him what I think of him right to his face."

"Quite," I said maliciously. "Don't let me keep you. Go right in and kill him."

"Very well!"

ERVINKE stood up and cried at the top of his voice: "Hey, Pomerantz, you bastard! Come here, dammit!"

The blood froze in my veins. Pomerantz was about twice our size, and a kick from his boot could send you right through the ceiling.

"What are you waiting for, Pomerantz?" Ervinke shouted. "I said come here, blast you!"

Pomerantz gaped at us and approached slowly near — and the whole café followed his progress with bated breath. Ervinke waited for him to reach our table, greeting him with a hard punch on his broad back.

"You scoundrel!" he cried. "How did you pull it off, damn you? Six-one, eh?"

Pomerantz coughed a little, and a delighted grin spread over his face.

"Ever seen a piece of ox-meat like that?" Ervinke demanded of me, pounding the player's chest with his fists. "Ever seen a punk kid like that score a ripping goal from the 25-yard line? How the hell did you do it, you stinker?"

Pomerantz stepped aside politely to avoid the worst of the blows. He was beaming with pleasure at Ervinke's compliments.

"Na, na," he stammered blithely. "I got an accurate pass."

"Accurate my ass!" Ervinke thundered. "Only a dumb halfwit like you could have made such monkeys of the defence!"

THE FOOTBALLER embraced Ervinke fondly and looked around the café proudly to make sure everyone had heard his glowing praise.

"You figure he ever even learned the game?" Ervinke turned to me again while delivering a

sky kick on Pomerantz's shin. "He never learned a thing, this illiterate hum. Spent the best three years of his life in second grade. But he can't help it, can you, Pomerantz? You were just naturally born with a pair of left legs, weren't you, you disaster area?"

Pomerantz's face sparkled with happiness, while his shining eyes said, "Gee, really, all thisattery to my face."

No, no," he said coyly, his ears going pink. "We did have some training."

"Shuddup, stupid!" Ervinke scolded him. "The kind of idiot that can wipe up the Cyprusis like that doesn't get born every day. I'd just like to know how come that such a lunkhead, such an animal, such a nifty, nifty..."

"Beg your pardon?"

"...has such a terrific kick, confound you!"

And with that Ervinke planted a kiss on Pomerantz's rather bruised cheek, seized him by the collar, and dragged him to the door.

"Get out of here before I kill you!" Ervinke screamed. "What did we ever do to deserve you? Three goals he wins us, may be rot in hell! Out, I tell you, OUT!"

Pomerantz sprawled full length on the pavement, but got up at once and waved feebly at Ervinke, smiling from ear to ear. It sure makes a guy feel good to know people admire him.

Translated by Miriam Arad  
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## 'Place called yesterday'

By CATHERINE ROSENHEIMER/Jerusalem Post Reporter



Cameraman Yoram Pirotsky (left) and Aris Gradus on location in Karkur.

feeling of some beautiful old trees. A huge cedar comes crashing down, the remains of the old tree-house still intact in its branches, and an effectively surrealistic shot shows its sawn-through trunk lying on the ground.

WHEN HE RETURNED to Israel a year and a half ago, with his American actress wife and baby, Aris unhesitatingly returned to live in Karkur, bought some goats and some chickens, and spent six months considering the matter of reintegrating.

"I found most of my old friends still living in the area. The problem was that when we met, we talked only of the past, or of current materialistic matters. A few had not changed, others, to my regret, had distanced themselves from the 'ugly Israeli' characteristics."

As a "returning resident" Aris feels that much of the propaganda encouraging people like him to come back to Israel has precisely the op-

posite effect. Rabin's much publicized statement in which he branded Israeli expatriates as *nomads* (weeklings) made many people feel too uncomfortable ever to consider returning.

Throughout his years in the U.S., initially studying at the Lee Strasberg studio, subsequently working in fringe theatre, television and film production, he was never in doubt that, eventually, he would return. Yet, paradoxically, when he approached old friends at Hahmaor in the film world, he invariably got the reaction: "What did you come back for? You'll find it would have been much easier to stay in America."

HIS FIRST break after his return was an offer from Menahem Golan to play the part of Alut Yekutieli Adam in his Etebete film. Several other film parts followed.

"But all the time I was haunted by the fact that I had to make my own

film. When I tried to get backing or grants, people would look at the script and say 'But this is nothing new.' Nevertheless, I was convinced that my own very subjective approach would be something different.

"Yehoram Golan saw my script, recommended his friend Yoram Pirotsky as cameraman and told me, 'If he likes it, he'll do it for nothing.' And, incredibly, that is just what happened.

"Pirotsky and the entire film crew contributed all their work completely free, because they believed in the film. I invested all my savings in the production.

"At the same time, everyone in Karkur, including the mayor, was incredibly cooperative. When I needed a location for the tree-felling shot, I found a local lumberman who had a big old tree that needed cutting. He fitted in the job to suit our schedule and got his workers to build the tree house.

"Michal Shani of Berke studios gave us all the laboratory services at a very reduced fee. The children in the film were mostly my old friends' kids.

"There may be problems in Israel, but when it comes to a project like this, you suddenly feel the whole country is one big Mama; I could never have got such voluntary assistance or cooperation in the jungle of New York."

WITH THE FILM completed, last week Aris invited dozens of his old friends and relatives to view it at the Tel Aviv Cinematheque. The reunion which followed might well have been a sequel to the theme of the film itself, "although I'm not sure that all my friends fully understood what I was trying to say."

Aris is marketing the film. He is hopeful that he will be able to sell it to Israel Television.

Regrettably there is very little cinema market here for short feature films.

Ironically, he is certain that by selling the film to American TV networks, he can, at the very least, recoup his expenses. Here in Israel, he will be happy to screen it, even for free, in any place that will provide a projector, a screen and an audience. Meanwhile, he and his wife have just completed the screenplay for a second, full-length film, and he is starting to investigate production possibilities.



Knesset during an all-night session.

## Can parties be abolished?

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BY BRINGING the Knesset debates into everybody's home, the television people have done a disservice to this august body. If, the citizen imagined, from reading newspaper reports, that the Elders of the Nation seriously weigh the pros and cons of a draft law, the "box" reveals that the Top 120 are quite often no better than the average trouble-maker in any of the committees he knows. The MK who wants to be taken notice of heckles like a crow. The speeches, read from a typed manuscript, are badly constructed and badly delivered; the arguments sound shallow; the general feeling is that one has heard them all before.

The complete reversal of roles between the opposition of yesterday and that of today is so ludicrous as to make the serious citizen suggest that parties should be abolished and Knesset members chosen directly on their own merit.

Unfortunately, this cannot be done. For it goes against the grain of parliamentary representation generally, according to Dr. Avraham Bricha, of Haifa University. Studies made of voting habits in countries adhering for centuries to regional representation show that local issues play only a small role in determining the voter's choice. Most candidates are party nominees. This is true of England, the classical country of regional representation, as well as of the U.S. and New Zealand.

In *Demokratia u-Bhriot*

(Democracy and Elections), published by Am Oved, Dr. Bricha makes these and many other observations to substantiate his thesis against any change in our system of proportional representation. He is afraid that constituency elections would inevitably lead to the perpetuation of a one-party rule in Israel.

The plethora of parties reflects a social and political situation which would not likely be changed by switching to constituencies. The parties are basically grouped into Left (associated with the Labour Party), the Right (the Likud) and the Religious. The Israeli voter is a conservative one. But so is the voter in the U.S., where 80 per cent rarely change their opinion from election to election; or in Britain, where class consciousness is reflected in the vote.

Had the British system been adopted in Israel, the Seventh Knesset would have consisted of 103 Alignment representatives, and 13 of Gahal (the forerunner of Likud); Agudat Yisrael would have got two members and Rakah and the Minorities one each. The Eighth Knesset would have found the Alignment with 82 seats; the Likud with 24; and Rakah and the Minorities, two each.

The argument is totally fallacious, of course. The first to be affected by a change in the voting system would be the parties, not the voters. This division into three major ideological groups could only become real with

the disappearance of the party machines of the many small parties under a different voting system.

There was no such division when the voter cast his ballot for the Ninth Knesset (which took place after Dr. Bricha's study was written.) The Likud contingent, for instance, is partly composed of a goodly influence by former Mapai members — and Herut would certainly cry out against being labelled "right." In a regional system of voting, the whole organization of Likud, or of any other party, would have to be reconstructed on different lines — and that is what the *apparatchiks* of smaller parties fear.

But it is true that the lesson of the last elections is that the main issues on which the voter expresses his view is national, not local, in character. A politically non-aligned student would have to admit that the voting Israeli was concerned, first of all, with the possible effects of the return of Arab guns to within striking distance of his home. This explains the rise of NRP, through its Gush Emunim association.

Another lesson is that the Likud was not because of its opposition, but because people had become weary of the slackness of government led by an ineffective Mapai. In a democratic society, a citizen is happiest when he can criticize his government — but he wants the government to do its job and govern.

## Bristles and other beauty problems

By GLORIA DEUTSCH  
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SOME PEOPLE take to living in Israel like ducks to water, but others have problems never even dreamed of by absorption officials. I have a friend who is blissfully happy here except that since her arrival, she has been troubled by the appearance of hair on her face.

This sets me wondering about beauty problems in hot climates. To find out more I talked to Shella Brummer, a beautician from England who runs a salon in Kfar Shmaryahu and is an expert on all kinds of skin problems.

My friend's problem is very common, I learned, and the only effective treatment is removal by electrolysis. Other problems faced by new immigrants include dry skin caused by over-exposure to sun, as well as blocked pores and pimples resulting from excessive perspiration.

Shella says that for women who just want to look better, thorough cleansing is the keynote. Here is one of the few salons where they don't like to send customers out with make-up on.

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## Venturing into male preserves

By KATHARINE WHITEHORN

LONDON (Otna). Because my father was a teacher in a boys' school, I was able at the age of about 12 to make my first foray into a sacred male domain. One holiday I ventured, trembling, into the boys' lavatories. And what did I find? Just a long white tiled trough, and toilets and basins just like anywhere else. It was the first of the long series of disappointments I've suffered every time I've ever ventured onto reserved male territory.

In Britain, men's colleges, men's clubs and various formal dinners have traditionally kept women out. This has naturally made us all do our damndest to get in. Over the years, our hearts fluttering with a sense of privilege, we've dined at High Tables, been invited into the great men's clubs along Pall Mall. "It's not that we think you're human," one man said, "but if we allow women in, we might be able to avoid putting up the subscription for another six months."

I have even made it to the Punch table, which a woman's group once picketed for leaving women out. This table is a mighty oval of oak, carved by Britain's oldest humanist magazine (the jokes are pretty venerable too). Over the years writers and politicians, tycoons and academics, have been invited to it; finally unable to leave out the leader of the Conservative Party, they invited Margaret Thatcher and that let in the rest of us. Only Princess Anne, though, has been allowed actually to carve her name on the table, as the men do; just as well she didn't try and carve it on their steak.

This conversation wasn't any louder or sillier or more self-conscious than any other student-type dinner; but to pretend it was somehow the cream of the nation's conversation was just (at last!) a joke. And the same's true with the colleges of Oxford and Cambridge.

Dinner there is like dinner in a doll's house: it all looks marvellous until you come to eat it. The flint of candlelight on old silver — the darkly polished tables — perhaps, minstrels in the gallery wall; at least it takes your mind off what you're eating. In the old days there was doubt if the old line in stuffed swan than your average private house; not now. Half the colleges have their kitchens run by conscientious catering firms, and even

those that don't, always seem to aim at one more course than the budget can really support; any average London dinner party does better.

And the conversation of dons, as Brits call the faculty, is invariably either up in the clouds with Einstein's theories and the precise place of the mangel-wurzel in the politics of 14th century Bavaria, or down at the level of college gossip: who will get Professor Pinkstone's rooms when Dr. Thinkwhistle moves out? Did the Master really out the chaplain dead? It's painful. The one thing these old colleges do have is cellars full of splendid old wines; which antique fluids presumably account for the conviction that academics still have that their conversation is second to none.

I'm prepared generously to suppose that the Worshipful Company of Shrimp Fanciers puts on a better meal and less tedious speeches when it isn't having a ladies' night, but that still leaves us with the men's clubs. They're variable, of course: the Travellers has delightful premises for its lady visitors, and it was generally felt when journalist James Morris resigned from the Club on changing sex and becoming Jan Morris, that he/she had missed a great opportunity to get women admitted. But others are beyond belief awful. The Reform Club, particularly, which once had the best chef in London — Alexis Soyer — seems now to have sunk to the level of what the great Soyer did next, which was to go off and work out great recipes for soldiers in the Crimea. The one thing the clubs still do well is the kind of pudding you'll never find anywhere else: Spotted Dick and Treacle Roly-poly, just the way they had it in the nursery.

It's been noticed that any time one of the clubs does admit women, it loses a few of its members to other clubs that still hold out against them. Time was I'd have tried to follow them and flush them out; not now, poor things, there has to be someplace where they can go, to mauler on about the old school and what places they flew in the Air Force and how much beer old Foggy drank, as they stuff themselves with turkey foot and remember better days. But if they really want us to feel we were not being permitted to aspire to something so far above us, then the mistake they made was ever letting us near the joint in the first place.

## Soviets seek to extend man's life expectancy

By DAN FISHER

The Los Angeles Times

MOSCOW — Already boasting many of the oldest people in the world, the Soviet Union is showing new interest in the scientific possibilities of even more dramatic longevity.

"I don't want to cause a sensation, but I want to tell you something that may shock you," Dr. I. Sukharevsky, director of the Public Institute of Juvenology, told a Russian interviewer recently. "Scientists believe that the human being can live not just 100 years, but 400 years and even more."

"Why not?" concurred L.V. Komarov, a biologist at the Institute of General Genetics and Vice Chairman of a newly formed National Committee on the Artificial Prolongation of Human Life.

Komarov has experimentally doubled the life of houseflies by feeding them magnetized sugar. And experiments on human volunteers involving various biochemical approaches to prolonging life are in the design stage, he said in an interview.

What do Russians think of the prospects of living so long?

"How much vodka can I drink in 340 years?" asked a 50-year-old, laughing.

But the first reaction of another younger woman was, "how will we feed everyone if we all live so long?"

The Soviet media heap recognition on the old. A documentary film on the family of 143-year-old Medjid Agaev currently is being shot in the southern republic of Azerbaijan, according to the government newspaper, "Izvestia."

There is frequent mention of the fact that there are about 19,000 people in the Soviet Union (total population: 244 million) who are 100 years old or older. (By contrast, there are about 8,400 centenarians in the U.S. out of a total population of 244 million.)

"We must do everything we can so that human beings can live out the full cycle of their lives, so that old people can fulfill their very important mission as advisers and judges, thanks to their great knowledge of life," wrote the Russian biologist Ilya Mechnikov in the early 1900s.

There are more pragmatic reasons for the status of the old, however, in a society where war, inefficiency and a low birth rate have combined to create a manpower shortage; the aged comprise an important part of the labour pool. The "retirement age" here ostensibly is

60 for men and 55 for women, but large numbers of older people continue working to supplement their relatively meager state pensions.

The state subsidizes rents and utility bills here are extremely low, but the typical old age pension still leaves barely enough for food. There is generally no penalty here for a pensioner with outside income — his pension remains the same no matter how much he earns. Therefore, many pensioners work.

The state encourages them, both directly and indirectly. Pensioners are wanted to work in the newstands near their domiciles, an advertisement in "Verobremnya Moskva" (Evening Moscow) said recently. Younger workers are needed in the factories and for other more strenuous jobs, so the jobs for the aged are mostly in the service sector. Another recent ad beckoned the elderly to work in a hotel bazaar.

According to Dmitry Chebotarev, director of the Kier Institute, the Soviet Union plans to open experimental "geriatric consultation departments" in several major cities and to begin "mass training" of doctors in geriatrics beginning next year. "The state wants to ensure the Soviet people an active long life, to preserve manpower resources, and the long-time working capacity of its citizens," Chebotarev told an interviewer from "Izvestia."

Programmes to improve health care for the aged and find cures for such killers as cancer and heart disease eventually could add 25 or 30 years to the average human lifespan, Soviet scientists say. But an apparently growing number like Komarov say that is not good enough.

The problem, Komarov said, is that by concentrating so heavily on conquering the diseases associated with old age, researchers are not spending enough time on the real problem of old age itself. Komarov is studying the aging process itself and how to reset man's biological clock.

"It's difficult to say now what will be the most effective solution of this problem," Komarov said. Initially he is looking for some substance that could be injected like insulin or even taken orally to slow down the aging process. Ultimately, he said, the key to longer life would be passed genetically from parents to children. In any event, he said, "I should live long in order to solve this problem. I have a lot to do. Four hundred years is not enough for me."

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